

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

March 17, 2005

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**Representative Dave Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Representative Hildenbrand** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Absent:** Representatives Casperson and Rocca.

**Representative Baxter** moved, supported by **Representative Espinoza**, to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Casperson and Rocca.

**Representative Garfield** moved, supported by **Representative Baxter**, to approve the minutes of the **February 10, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Vice-Chair** proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Noel LaPorte, Lobbyist** for the **Michigan Snowmobile Association**. **Mr. LaPorte** gave an overview of the **Michigan Snowmobile Association** and the **sport of snowmobiling** in the state of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

**Jim Fox and Jim Radabaugh**, representing the **Department of Natural Resources**, gave an overview of the snowmobile/tourism industry in the State of Michigan.\* Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Vice-Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:15 a.m.**

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Representative Dave Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
March 17, 2005  
45 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.